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SUBJ: US-USSR COOPERATION IN TRANSPORTATION: COSTS OF LODGING
IN USSR

1. AS PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO RAMUNDO'S APPROACHES IN
SUBJECT AREA, BARINOV, SCST, SUGGESTS THAT ONE METHOD FOR
REDUCING EFFECTIVE COSTS OF LODGING FOR DELEGATION MEMBERS IS
THE SHARING OF ROOMS. BARINOV ESTIMATES THAT DOUBLE ROOM
OF SIMILAR QUALITY TO 30-RUBLES SINGLE SHOULD COST ONLY
ABOUT 20 RUBLES PER PERSON, WITHIN RANGE RAMUNDO
HAD SUGGESTED.

2. BARINOV SAID SOVIET SIDE SYMPATHIZES WITH US
DELEGATES' CONCERN, AND REQUESTS THAT FUTURE DELEGATIONS
IN TRANSPORTATION INDICATE WHICH DELEGATES WISH TO
SHARE ROOMS.

3. FYI. BARINOV AGREED WITH SCIOFF'S COMMENT THAT
CHARGING FOREIGNERS MORE THAN SOVIETS HAVE TO PAY IS
A LAMENTABLE PRACTICE, BUT HE NOTED THAT THERE IS
NOTHING MORE THE SOVIET SIDE COULD DO ABOUT IT RIGHT
NOW, ALTHOUGH HE LEFT DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER EFFORTS
TO AMELIORATE THE SITUATION IN THE LONGER TERM.
SCIOFF NOTED THAT THIS SUBJECT IS SURE TO BE RAISED
AGAIN AT THE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.
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